Liberalisation of facilities for import of technology and modernisation, a new regime of cash compensatory support to compensate for the cascading effect of domestic taxation access to raw materials and consumables at international competitive prices, reduction in the interest rates of pre and post shipment credit, interest rebate on new term loans to units which export more than 25% of their production, introduction of new blanket exchange permit scheme to facilitate export promotion activities, grant of replenishment licences, duty drawback etc.

(c) The exports in the engineering sector have been picking up during the last two years as can be seen from the export figures below:

1985-86 . Rs. 1095.41 crores (Prov.)

1986-87 . Rs. 1150.00 crores (Prov.)

1987-88 . Rs. 1320.00 crores (Prov.)

Prosecutions Launched against Sick Units in the Private Sector for Non-payment of Loan Amount

883. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many sick units in the private sector which have taken loan assistance from the nationalised banks were prosecuted for non-payment of the loan amount within the stipulated period during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) whether any Bank Manager has been prosecuted for favouring doubtful borrowers during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In cases of all defaulting borrowers, including industrial units, banks file suits for recovery of their dues as a last resort. While banks maintain data regarding overall number of recovery suits filed and amounts involved therein, no separate classification of such suits filed against sick units is maintined.

(b) Cases involving perpetration of frauds/defalcations, including making of bogus advance, are reported by the banks to RBI/Police. Action, including criminal prosecution by the police, against bank staff also in appropriate cases, is taken.

Recovery of Tax Dues

884. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Minister of State for Revenue had stated in Calcutta recently that the reason for poverty in the country was due to non-payment of tax amount by some people;

(b) if so, what action the Revenue Department is taking against them if they are known to the Minister; and

(c) what concrete steps Government have taken to recover the dues from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The press did not correctly report what was stated.

(b) and (c) Drive against the tax evaders is continuing with undiminished vigour.